

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the meritorious endeavors of an outstanding Show-Me State educator; and

Whereas, Julianne Thompson, a Kids Country school-age care assistant coordinator at Meadow Lane Elementary School in the Lee's Summit R-VII School District, has been awarded Child Development Associate Credentials in recognition of outstanding work with young children; and

Whereas, the credentials were awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession; and

Whereas, the Child Development Associate Credential is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognition of the skills of individuals providing care; and

Whereas, the first credential was awarded twenty-five years ago, and now forty-six states and the District of Columbia include the Child Development Associate in their child-care licensing regulations; and

Whereas, this credential demonstrates competence in working with young children and their families and is valid for three years; and

Whereas, parents who use child-care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare; therefore every candidate for the Child Development Associate Credential is observed working with young children and families by an early childhood professional; and

Whereas, the Child Development Associate Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child-care as evident in center-based and home-visitor programs as well as family child-care, the most common form of care for children under the age of five; and

Whereas, the Kids Country before- and after-school care programs are offered at all fifteen Lee's Summit R-VII elementary schools for children from kindergarten through sixth grade:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Julianne Thompson upon being awarded Child Development Associate Credentials and in wishing her continued success in her ongoing efforts to further student achievement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Julianne Thompson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2089, adopted April 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker